at least one offset support engaging and extending laterally from said pole and joined to and extending laterally from said mounting member [for] and supporting said hanger generally parallel to said flat mounting portion [first plane,] with said pole in a generally vertical position generally parallel to said flat mounting portion and spaced laterally from said flat mounting portion and from the respective partition surface when said [support] mounting member is so attached to such a partition by said means [supported, and spaced laterally from said mounting member].

5. (Amended) An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 1 wherein said flat mounting [member] portion comprises a flat plate.

In claim 8, line 3, delete "member" and insert -- portion --.

15. (Amended) An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 1 wherein said offset support includes a flange leg disposed generally parallel to said [first plane] flat mounting portion.

In claim 17, line 1, delete "15" and insert – 16 --.

18. (Amended) An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 1 which includes a plurality of said offset supports, each of said offset supports including a mounting flange leg at its distal end and which is disposed generally parallel to said [first plane] flat mounting portion.

19. (Amended) An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 18 wherein each of said flange legs has openings therethrough for passage of fasteners for affixing said flange legs to [a wall] such a partition.

20. (Amended) An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 18 wherein each of said offset supports is a generally L shaped bracket which includes a first leg affixed to and extending generally normal to said pole and a distal leg which extends generally parallel to said [first plane] flat mounting portion.

21. (Amended) An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 18 wherein said mounting member defines a plurality of mounting pockets which are

open upward when said mounting member is mounted on such a partition [wall] and said flange legs extend downward when said hanger is oriented in a generally vertical operative hanger position and wherein said flange legs are slidably receivable in said mounting pockets for removably supporting said hanger on said mounting member.

23. (Amended) A method of supporting intravenous infusion equipment for treatment of a patient located in a space [an enclosure] defined by vertical partitions, comprising the steps of removably attaching an intravenous support pole to one of said vertical partitions in generally parallel relation to such partition and spaced from said partition a sufficient distance to accommodate hanging of at least one intravenous fluid container and an intravenous infusion pump on said pole free of engagement of said partition thereby, hanging at least one of an intravenous fluid container and an intravenous pump on said pole, and infusing fluid intravenously from said at least one of said intravenous fluid container and intravenous pump into such a patient when [confined] in said space [enclosure].

Please insert the following additional claims:

24. A method as in claim 23 which includes the steps of affixing a support member to one of said vertical partitions, and removably attaching such an intravenous support pole to said support member.

25. A method as in claim 24 including the step of providing said support member with at least one upwardly open pocket, providing at least one downwardly extending flange affixed to said support pole and which is of a configuration for mating engagement in said pocket, mounting said pole on said support member by engagement of said flange in said pocket, and removing said pole from said mounting member by disengaging said flange from said pocket when it is desired to move said pole.

26. A method as in claim 23 which includes the steps of affixing a plurality of support members to such vertical partitions in multiple locations, and removably attaching such an intravenous support pole to one of said support members in one location, detaching said pole from such support member in said one location, moving

said pole to another of such locations, and removably attaching said pole to the respective support member at such another of said locations.

27. A method as in claim 23 including the steps of providing a hanger assembly which includes said pole, affixing a plurality of support members to such vertical partitions in multiple locations, and removably attaching said hanger assembly to one of said support members in one location, detaching said hanger assembly from such support member in said one location, moving said hanger assembly to another of such locations, and removably attaching said hanger assembly to the respective support member at such another of said locations.

28. A method as in claim 23 including the steps of providing a hanger that includes said pole and a downwardly extending support lip, and supportably engaging said hanger on said partition by downward movement of said hanger relative to said partition.

29. A method as in claim 28 wherein said support lip is engaged over an upper edge of said partition.

30. A method as in claim 28 including the steps of providing on said partition an upwardly open pocket for receipt therein of said downwardly projecting lip, engaging said lip in said pocket by downward movement of said hanger when it is desired to support said pole on said partition, and moving said hanger upward to disengage said lip from said pocket when it is desired to move said pole to another location.

31. An intravenous infusion equipment hanger assembly comprising:

at least one mounting member that includes a flat mounting portion attached to a partition that defines housing space for a patient and has a generally vertical planar surface, said flat mounting portion being disposed in a generally vertical position parallel to said vertical planar surface of said partition and defining a generally vertical first plane parallel to and adjacent said vertical planar surface,

a hanger which includes an elongate pole for supporting an intravenous infusion device, and

at least one offset support engaging and extending laterally from said pole and joined to and extending laterally from said mounting member and supporting said hanger generally parallel to said flat mounting portion with said pole in a generally vertical position generally parallel to said first plane and spaced laterally from said mounting member and from said first plane and from the respective partition surface to accommodate mounting and use of such infusion equipment on said pole.

## REMARKS

The revisions in the specification correct two typographical or editorial errors, and do not present any new matter.

Several of the claims have been revised for clarity, and claims 24-31 are added.

The added claims are supported by the disclosures throughout the specification (including the original claims), as well as the drawings, including particularly at page 1, lines 13-16 and 27-29, page 2, lines 2-28, page 3, lines 31-33 and page 5, line 20 to page 6, line 19.

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

**The Election/Restriction**

All of the added claims are deemed to be readable on the elected specie and the described method of use of that specie.

Reconsideration of the status of claims 6 and 23 is requested.

In the response to the requirement for restriction, Applicant asserted two separate grounds for including claims 6 and 23 among the claims to be examined in this application even if the requirement for restriction was maintained. The first grounds was that each of these claims is readable on the provisionally elected Species III (Fig. 10). See the penultimate paragraph on page 1 of applicant's Response, as well as the complementary first sentence of the last paragraph on that page. The second and broader grounds was that claims 6 and 23 are among the claims generic to all embodiments. See the last sentence on page 1 of the Response. The later ground encompasses the former.